

Horsham Police weekly update Friday 16 December

News and appeals

We have been made aware of a spam email from our colleagues at Greater Manchester Police.

A spam e-mail has been circulating which falsely claimed the recipient had been caught speeding.

Following enquiries by GMP, the website has now been taken down and people should no longer receive the emails.

If you notice the e-mail in your inbox please do not open it and delete it instead.

Notices of Intended Prosecution are never sent by email, they are always sent through the post using the DVLA registered addresses.

Always be suspicious of unsolicited emails that are supposedly from a trusted organisation, such as your bank, because the sender's address can easily be faked.

Never automatically click on any links they contain either, not before stopping to check if they seem genuine first.

Check the email address of the sender - if it doesn't look genuine delete it or send it to your junk folder.

Elderly couple targeted by thieves in Horsham supermarket

Police are appealing for help in identifying two men and two women after an elderly man and his disabled wife were targeted in Horsham.

At around 12.30pm on Friday, 9 December, the victim was shopping in Waitrose, Albion Way. At some point during his visit to the store his wallet, containing five bank cards and around £180 in cash were taken. He did not realise this until he left the store and returned home.

PC Russ Watson said: "The theft has left the victim and his wife extremely upset, but luckily he realised his wallet had been stolen and managed to cancel his bank cards before they could be used.

"I would appeal to anyone who can help us identify the people in the CCTV to come forward and speak with officers. Please report online here quoting serial 793 of 09/12.

"If you do not wish to speak with police or provide personal details, the independent charity Crimestoppers can be contacted anonymously on 0800 555 111."

"At this time of year, many people carry larger amounts of cash than they normally would, which can make you more of a target to thieves. Separating your money into smaller amounts so it is not all in view when you pay for items is recommended, along with not keeping purses and wallets where they can be seen and easily accessed by thieves. Zip them up in an inside pocket or secure in a bag with an opening that can be worn against your body."

Crime summary

We have seen an increase in burglaries over the last few weeks. Along with home security checks. Please also report anything suspicious, you could help other residences by reporting anything suspicious you see.

Burglary

Reference: 0983 10-12

Location: Start Close, Horsham Date and time: 1106-1610 10/12/16

Details: No entry gained but damage to door looks like it has been tried to be forced in.

Reference: 1434 10/12/16

Location: Coombe Road, Steyning

Date and time: Between 1200-2200 10/12/16

Details: Rear patio door smashed, Jewellery and watches stolen.

Reference: 0530 13-12

Location: Cray Lane, Pulborough

Date and time: 13/12/16

Details: Entry through the rear, believed broken into to steal jewellery.

Reference: 1010 14-12

Location: Steerers Hill, Rusper

Date and time: Between 1200 - 1600 14/12/16

Details: Handle taken from back door and entry gained. Jewellery taken.

Reference: 1288 14-12

Location: Crowhurst Crescent, Storrington
Date and time: Between 1510 - 1820 14/12/16

Details: Conservatory glass smashed to gain entry. Jewellery taken.

Reference: 1307 14-12

Location: Warnham, Horsham

Date and time: Between 1530 - 1910 14/12/16

Details: Back door window smashed to gain entry. Untidy Search. Unsure what has been taken.

Reference: 1379 14-12

Location: Heath Close Broadbridge Heath.

Date and time: Between 1800-2000 14/12/16

Details: kitchen window open. Unsure what taken.

Reference: 1445 14-12

Location: Little Hill West Chiltington

Date and time: Between 0630-2030 14/12/16

Details: Glass panel door broken to gain entry. Untidy search, not sure what taken.

Other than Dwelling

Reference: 0294 11/12/16

Location: Coltstaple Lane, Horsham

Date and time: 1500-0800 08/12/16 - 09/12/16

Details: Bolts cut on buildings high value farming and tools stolen.

Reference: 0625 11/12/16

Location: Ashington

Date and time: 10/12/16 11/12/16

Details: Hole smashed in wall metal and tools stolen.

Reference: 1055 12-12

Location: Henfield

Date and time: 12/12/16

Details: Attemped to break into garage no access gained.

Reference: 0607 15-12

Location: Faygate, Kilnwood. Date and time: 14/12/16

Details: Padlock to garage cut overnight. Nothing taken.

Reference: 0028 15-12 Location: Dorking Road Date and time: 15/12/16

Details: Suspects made off in white transit van. Have broken in to cabin and stolen fryer.

Reference: 1587 15/12/16

Location: Lower Station Road Billingshurst

Date and time: 15/12/16

Details: French doors smashed. Graffiti sprayed on walls, radiators pulled off. Nothing taken

Help us keep Sussex safe

If you saw or heard anything, or have any information about any incident in this message please **contact us online**, email us at **101@sussex.pnn.police.uk** or call **101**, quoting the reference number provided.

Alternatively you can contact the independent charity **Crimestoppers**, anonymously, on **0800 555 111**, or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org